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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

It is no particular secret that Microsoft had always maintained an aggressive competitive posture. I am not sure, however, that this posture should have earned them a lawsuit by our own government. That having been said, I am gratified to see that the government has chosen to settle this suit, rather than pursuing it through the courts.

We have all seen the impact that this suit has, in part, wrought upon our economy. While there are a great many factors that have contributed to our economic slowdown, I am convinced that this suit has played more than a minor role.

I am writing to voice my support of this settlement, as well as my hope that this sort of legal action against any American company can be avoided in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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